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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: MicroSoft Settlement

To Attorney General Ashcroft,

I am extremely disappointed in the leniency of the proposed settlement with the MicroSoft corporation.

I have followed this case from the beginning. At every opportunity Microsoft has shown contempt for the law.

They violated the consent decree regarding the illegal tying of Internet Explorer and Windows, and when taken back to court, falsified evidence in an attempt to prove that the web browser and operating system could not be separated. Their offer to provide a broken version of windows without Internet Explorer clearly shows their unrepentant attitude.

When it appeared that the case was going against them, they mounted an artificial "grass roots" campaign by having employees of their publicist write letters to the editor on their behalf without acknowledging the conflict of interest.

The Department of Justice has made a very strong case, and the weakness of the proposed settlement is insulting.

I am proud to say that my Attorney General, Bill Lockyer, understands the importance of this case and the critical role of the antitrust laws in creating a free and fair marketplace.

A monopoly is never good for the economy, and that should be irrelevant in the pursuit of justice in any case.

I urge you to continue to prosecution of Microsoft.

Sincerely,

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